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SUBJECT : FY 1976 JAPANESE AID TO BANGLADESH

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1. JAPANESE EMBOFF CONFIRMED SEPTEMBER 25 NEWSPAPER
REPORTS HERE CONCERNING DOLS 55 MILLION FY'76
JAPANESE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO BANGLADESH. SPECIFIC
AID AGREEMENTS IMPLEMENTING SEPARATE PARTS OF PROGRAM
ARE EXPECTED TO BE SIGNED OVER NEXT TWO MONTHS.

2. TOTAL FY'76 AID PACKAGE (WITH FY'75 FIGURES FOR
COMPARISON) BREAKS DOWN AS FOLLOWS (FIGURES IN
DOLLARS MILLIONS):

ASSISTANCE	FY'76	FY'75
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FOOD GRANTS	8.0	9.5
YEN CREDITS	45.0	38.3
GRANT FOR TEXTILE GOODS	-	5.0
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT (FOR AG. EXTENSION TRAINING INSTITUTE)	2.5	-
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TOTAL 55.5 52.8

3. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, FOLLOWING PRE-LIBERATION DEBT SETTLEMENT TOKYO 4495), JAPAN HAS AGREED TO ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF SIX PRE-LIBERATION PROJECTS, INCLUDING DACCA/CHITTAGONG CABLE LINE, BARISAL/MONGLA 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINE, AND MODERNISATION OF CRESCENT JUTE MILLS.

4. AID PROGRAM, WHICH REMAINS AT FY'75 LEVEL IS IN LINE WITH JAPANESE PLEDGE AT JUNE, 1975 BANGLADESH AID GROUP MEETING TO PROVIDE NO LESS AID IN FY'76 THEN IN FY'75. WHILE AGREEMENT ON AID LEVELS FOR PRE-INDEPENDENCE PROJECTS MAY BE REACHED BEFORE MARCH 31; JAPANESE EMBOFF DID NOT EXPECT FUNDS TO BE PROVIDED BEFORE JAPANESE FY'77 BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1976.
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